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This is an all or nothing case for Atticus. He’s risking it all. If he loses this case, he’ll lose everything, but if he wins he’ll gain a lot of respect. But the fact that the man he is defending is black doesn’t sit well with his “friends” a.k.a. the people in the Mob. They think it’s wrong for him to be defending a black man and disgracing their town, so they want to stop him and kill Tom Robinson. This also leads to them being racist. It could be any other white man and no one would care, but since he’s black it’s the worst thing in the world. I think that’s the main reason for the visit, and I think Atticus know that too. I could also smell their breath from a mile away. They weren’t exactly sober if you know what I mean. I think that they were just all drunk and riled up and looking for a fight and thought who better than Atticus and Tom Robinson?



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He stopped the Mob from doing whatever they were planning on doing to Atticus or Tom Robinson because he refused to take us home. If Jem, Scout, and I wouldn’t have shown up in the first place, Atticus could have been in serious trouble. I don’t know exactly what would’ve happened to him, but one thing I know for sure is it wouldn’t be pretty. If Jem hadn’t been so stubborn, Atticus or even Tom Robinson probably would have died.

# Dill, why did Atticus give Jem a sign of affection even though he disobeyed him?

## What provoked the Mob to go after Atticus?

An interview with Dill Harris about the Mob at the county jail.



Well, that night, Jem and Scout came to my window and told me they were going out and that I should come with them. I found out later that we were going to look for Atticus. We went to every place he could possibly be but he was nowhere to be found, but just when we were walking home we found a light on in the jail, and there he was just sitting against the front door reading the paper. As we started to leave we saw four cars pull up in front of the jail. Men got out of the car and went up to Atticus telling him to step aside, so they could get to Tom Robinson. They talked for a while then Scout just took off towards them all and pushed to the middle of the circle. Jem and I chased after her to try and stop her but ended up in the middle of the men in the Mob. Although we all were told to leave plenty of times, Jem’s stubbornness paid off by making the men be the ones to leave.



Jem (Right), Scout (Middle), and Dill (Left) at the County Jail

The pressure from the men around him made him ignore Scout. When she brought up Walter; however, he thought about his son and how he’d feel if he were trying to talk to someone he knew but they were ignoring him as he was doing to Scout. I think he was also putting himself in Atticus’ shoes. I mean, he has a son who is mine and Scout’s age, so maybe he was thinking what it would be like if a bunch of Mobsters went after him in front of his son and what would he do. That’s probably why in the end he told her he would tell Walter she said “Hey” and also why he called all the men to leave.

## How were you, Scout, and Jem involved?

## Why did Mr. Cunningham ignore Scout until she brought up Walter?